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DECLARATION UNDER C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Sir:

I, Thomas J Perkowski, Esq., Reg. No. 33,134, attorney of record in the above identified case, hereby declare and certify that the attached Xerox copy of the application is a true copy of original co-pending Application Serial No. 09/990,585 filed November 21, 2001.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein are his own knowledge, are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

The present application continues prosecution of subject matter disclosed in co-pending Application Serial No. 09/990,585 filed November 21, 2001.

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COMBINED DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a United States Letters Patent is sought on the invention entitled "PLANAR ILLUMINATION AND IMAGING (PLIIM) SYSTEMS WITH INTEGRATED DESPECKLING MECHANISMS PROVIDED THEREIN", the Specification of which was filed on November 21, 2001 and assigned Application Number 09/990,585, and for which a United States Patent is sought.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified Specification, including the Claims to Invention.

I hereby claim the benefit of the earlier filing dates of the following United States Patent Applications listed below: 09/999,687 filed October 31, 2001; 09/954,477 filed September 17, 2001; 09/883,130 filed June 15, 2001; 09/781,665 filed February 12, 2001; 09/780,027 filed February 9, 2001; 09/721,885 filed November 24, 2000; 09/047,146 filed March 24, 1998; 09/157,778 filed September 21, 1998; 09/274,265, filed March 22, 1999; International Application Serial No. PCT/US/99/06505 filed March 24, 1999, and published as WIPO WO 99/49411; Application Serial No. 09/327,756 filed June 7, 1999; and International Application Serial No. PCT/US00/15624 filed June 7, 2000, published as WIPO WO 00/75856 A1; each said application being commonly owned by Assignee, Metrologic Instruments, Inc., of Blackwood, New Jersey, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between March 24, 1998, the filing date of prior U.S. Application No. 09/047,146 identified above, and November 21, 2001, the national filing date of this application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., Reg. No. 33,134, and Jay P. Sbrollini, Esq., Reg. No. 36,266 of Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., P.C., of Soundview Plaza, 1266 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902, to represent Applicants before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and to transact all business in connection with the above-referenced application, and any continuation, division and continuation-in-part applications thereof.

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